

Claims:

1. A computer system comprising:
a default event policy used to determine responses to detected events; and
a configurable event policy used to modify the default event policy to change responses to detected events.
2. The computer system of claim 1, further comprising:
a configuration database, wherein the configurable event policy is stored within the configuration database.
3. The computer system of claim 1, further comprising:
a event management system for using the default event policy and the configurable event policy to determine a required response to a particular event.
4. The computer system of claim 3, wherein the event management system is a hierarchical event management system.

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